

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).

2. (currently amended): A packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution, the solution being prevented from generating gas bubbles that impair visibility during ophthalmic surgery,

(1) the container being a gas-permeable plastic container;

(2) the container being packaged in a gas-impermeable packaging member;

(3) the packaged container comprising an interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member, wherein the interspace has a volume which is at least 4 times that of the total of a volume of headspace in the container and a volume of dissolved gas; and

the interspace holds a mixed gas atmosphere of carbon dioxide and at least one species selected from helium and neon~~The packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution according to claim 1 wherein the mixed gas atmosphere consists of 80 to 99 vol.% of at least one species selected from helium and neon and 1 to 20 vol.% of carbon dioxide.~~

3. (currently amended): A packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution, the solution being prevented from generating gas bubbles that impair visibility during ophthalmic surgery.

(4) the container being a gas-permeable plastic container;

(5) the container being packaged in a gas-impermeable packaging member;

(6) the packaged container comprising an interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member, wherein the interspace has a volume which is at least 4 times that of the total of a volume of headspace in the packaged container and a volume of dissolved gas; and

(4) the interspace holds a mixed gas atmosphere of carbon dioxide and at least one species selected from helium and neon~~The packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution according to claim 1~~ wherein the volume of the gas dissolved in the solution contained in the container is 12 mL or less (25°C, 1 atm.) per liter of the solution.

4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A process for producing a packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution, the solution being prevented from generating gas bubbles that impair visibility during ophthalmic surgeries,

the process comprising the steps of:

(1) accommodating an ocular perfusion/washing solution in a gas-permeable plastic container;

- (2) packaging the container in a gas-impermeable packaging member wherein the packaged container comprises an interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member;
- (3) adjusting the interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member, wherein the interspace has a volume which is at least 4 times that of the total of a volume of headspace in the packaged container and a volume of dissolved gas; and
filling the interspace with a mixed gas of carbon dioxide and at least one species selected from helium and neon to establish the mixed gas atmosphere therein~~The process according to~~
~~claim 4~~ wherein the mixed gas atmosphere consists of 80 to 99 vol.% of at least one species selected from helium and neon and 1 to 20 vol.% of carbon dioxide.